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Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen, ro-night we welcome the Officials, Players and Supporters of Corinthian Casuals, who came along to play us on Thursday 18th April, but unfortunately the game only lasted for twenty minutes, in fact twenty frightening minutes due to a violent thunderstorm which broke out just as the teams kicked off. After the pitch became a miniature lake, the referee had no option but to give up, with both sides failing to score. Anyway, we hope that the weather will be more kind to-night, and that we can all witness a thrilling game of football.

Well we all know now about Dave Underwood, our new coach in succession to Vince Burgess. It was no easy job in choosing what we thought was the best man for the job. Every applicant had good qualifications, and in the committee choosing Dave, from seventeen others, they have chosen a man who in his professional days

served under three of the finest managers in the game-Bob Shankley of agers in the game—Bob Shankley of Liverpool, Bill McGarry formerly with Watford, now with successful Ipswich Town, and Vic Buckingham formerly with Fulham. Underwood himself had managerial experience with Southern league side Hastings Utd., whom he steered to promotion after one season with them, but had to after one season with them, but had to resign when finding the long journey from Watford each week, interfered with his business commitments. The management committee were very impressed with Dave's forthright knowledge of coaching, and providing everybody gives him a chance to settle in and find his feet, then we are sure that we'll find that we have chosen the right man for the job. He will strive might and main to see that Wealdstone will be a power to be reckoned with in both league and cup, and the players second to none in fitness and enthusiasm. Dave incidently has a

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number of contacts in football with many clubs, and no doubt he will be getting help from those sources. Anyway Dave, we all wish you well at Wealdstone, you will find us a very happy lot, and that we have a band of supporters, loyal ever willing to encourage youngsters, and being there in in force in all away matches. Good luck, and do your very best for Wealdstone and yourself, and may your stay be a long and happy one.

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Our match last Sunday was very successful both from an entertaining and financial point of view, and we wish to thank Johnny Haynes and Co., for coming along to help out in our effort for the players tour fund.

The lads really excelled last Saturday at Hayes, when winning our only major cup this season. A great header by Kieron Somers, from a cross by Bobby Williams, was enough to allow us to win the Middlesex Senior Cup more times than any other Middlesex team. Mick Blythe having one of his

rare games due to Andy Williams being injured, had a great game and made many fine saves. Williams at right back, taking the place of Alan Phillips away on international duty for Wales, was the best player on the field, and played with great confidence. Somers had another good game in the forward line, and really there wasn't any failures at all, and the danger that we expected from Hayes, when seeing them in the first leg, was not forthcoming. With a bit of luck we would have won by a far more convincing margin. We play Hayes again this Sunday morning in the semi-final of the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup, on this ground K.O. 11.15 a.m. The winners of this match play Wembley in the final.

Congratulations to our popular trainer Bob Croucher, on being chosen to be the sponge man for Middlesex in the county game with Norfolk at Hayes this Saturday K.O. 7.30 p.m. We hope that this will

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be the first of many honours for him. Older supporters will be pleased to

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Don't forget our Annual Dinner and Dance at the Rest Hotel on Thursday 23rd May. Please see Johnny Ward for tickets if you desire to go. The price is 35/- per person and the dancing is by the popular Red Coats.

Lastly, our popular committee man, little Jim Pyers, has now retired from work, but fortunately not from Wealdstone, and we wish you well Jim, and hope to see you here for many years to come.

Many thanks for all the help given last Sunday, by the players wives and relations in helping to sell pro-

grammes and raffle tickets, and helping to make the occasion a great success. Also to former supporters club president Cardew Robinson, in arranging for Roy Hudd to come along to kick-off, and indulge in some tomfoolery, to get the crowd warmed

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Good evening to all supporters. This evening we welcome the supporters of Corinthian Casuals F.C. for our last Isthmian league match of the 1967-8 season. At the time of writing it is still very wet weather. If it keeps on the pitch will be almost as wet when the teams take the field to-night, as when they left it on the night of the 18th April. My own personal recollection of that evening was of our groundsman Nobby Clarke contemptuously throwing the trainer's bucket of water on to the pitch as if to say—it can take all that and a bit more. Have you han enough now Nobby? I think that you should have saved that bucket of water, you will be probably crying out for water in the summer to get the grass seed going.

One of the highlights of the season has been the excellent condition of our ground. We all admired the lush green surface way back in August and cynically thought that by January or February it would all be gone as usual. As we now know we were wrong, and we have had the best play-

ing surface at Lower Mead for many a day, thanks to the loving care and devotion shown to it by our groundsman. He has been greatly assisted by the right tools for the job supplied by the Supporters Club and of course paid for by you the supporters.

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Before I venture any further with these notes I must congratulate Charlie Townsend and the Lads on winning the Middlesex Senior Cup. I said that we would beat Hayes if we played football. I said that we would go to Hayes and help the Lads to win this trophy. We had a good turn out of supporters at Church Road and with the blue and white top hats, bowlers and what have you it was more like the start of the season than the end. I know now how they get the surface water off of their pitch, they drain it into that lake they call a Car Park!

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week before the day.
On Sunday next, kick-off at 11.15 a.m., we have another game with Hayes here at Wealdstone, this time for the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup. I will be writing a few notes for that game but for those of you who will be unable to come along I must say adieu. I hope that you have had as much pleasure reading these notes as I have had in writing them. I have tried to put them over in a jocular way, have broken into song at times, and endeavoured to put the lighthearted view of the happy-go-lucky Wealdstone supporter.

I would now like to extend my sincere thanks to: the FOOTBALL CLUB for the space in the programme, the PRINTER for his patience in deciphering my copy, CHARLIE TOWNSEND and the LADS with a special thanks to Charlie for urging them on and for his many fine displays, HUGHIE for his glorious free-kicks, ANDY WILLIAMS for that superb display at Torpoint, TONY McGUINNESS for a rocklike display

all season, DAVE SWAIN for his unceasing energy and endeavour, DENNY MONTAGUE for the quiet and efficient way he tightened up the defence. THE RESERVES for some lively displays, THE REFRESH-MENT LADIES and those supporters who have assisted from time to time. Last but by no means least our REGULAR SUPPORTERS for SUPPORTERS keeping up the good name of Wealdstone both here at Lower Mead and on our various travels.

I hope that you all have a very good holiday whether or not you spend it like the players in Spain or like me in humble Bognor. Good health, good luck, come back next season fit and fresh and join me in a lung burgting rose of

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